

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

No claims are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are currently being amended.

Claim 13 is currently being added, whereby claim 13 is readable on the elected species.

This amendment and reply amends and adds claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending and adding the claims as set forth above, claims 1-4 and 13 are now pending in this application for examination on the merits, whereby claims 5-12 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected species.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2002-086854 to Nakamura; and claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,069,587 to Lynch. These rejections are traversed with respect to presently pending claims 1-4, for at least the reasons given below.

In the present invention as recited in claim 1, two antennas for a wireless LAN are provided on a rear surface of a main body. As a result of having two antennas on both sides of the rear surface of the main body, when a user performs an operation standing in front of a

multi-function peripheral (MFP), it is possible to secure a predetermined distance from each of the antennas, whereby the influence of electromagnetic energy interference can be reduced.

In Nakamura, on the other hand, the antenna 111 is not provided on the rear surface of the main body, but rather it is provided on the rear portion of a lateral top surface of the main body (see Figure 1 of Nakamura). Also, only one antenna 111 is provided in the structure of Nakamura.

Accordingly, presently pending claims 1-4 patentably distinguish over Nakamura, whereby Lynch does not rectify the above-mentioned deficiencies of Nakamura.

New Claim:

New claim 13 has been added to clearly recite the disposition of the rear surface, so that the surface on which the antenna 111 of Nakamura is disposed cannot correspond to such a rear surface.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith,

Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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